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BOROUGH

Burgess—J. W. Bryant; Council—[illegible], A. M. Kane, president; Mrs. J. Cregg, secretary; [illegible], treasurer; Charles Knapp, High Constable; Chas. E. Johnson, Thomas Ward, A. Yeich, James B. Knapp, W. Sauerle, [illegible]; Auditors—[illegible], president; Jane [illegible]; Assessors—[illegible]; Judge of Election—[illegible]; Inspectors—[illegible]; Constables—[illegible]; Justices of the Peace—[

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HARRY L. BACKUS,
Editor and Prop'r.
SMETHPORT, THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1900.

Republican Ticket.

FOR AUDITOR GENERAL,
E. B. HARDENBERGH,
of Wayne County.

FOR CONGRESS-AT-LARGE,
GALUSHA A. GROW,
of Susquehanna County.
ROBERT H. FOERDERER,
of Philadelphia.

FOR CONGRESS,
JOSEPH C. SIBLEY.

FOR STATE SENATOR,
MYRON MATSON.

FOR MEMBERS OF ASSEMBLY,
T. F. RICHMOND.
M. H. HOUGHTON.

FOR JURY COMMISSIONER,
WALTER OSTRANDER.

WM. C. ENDICOTT, Secretary of War under President Cleveland's administration, died at his home in Boston Sunday afternoon of pneumonia, aged 73 years.

ON Saturday last Gen. Otis, at his own request, was relieved of the command of the American forces in the Philippines. Maj.-Gen. MacArthur succeeds Gen. Otis.

REPUBLICAN legislation has tied our hands; we could do no great amount of harm in four years." Are the voters prepared to turn the government over to men who come to them with such appeals?

THE Democratic convention of White county, Tenn., passed strong resolutions declaring for the retention of the Philippines. Ex-Governor Wilson of West Virginia, in a long letter to the Washington Post also declares for the entire South is for expansion.

IT was in 1895 that Senator Hoar delivered a speech at Plymouth, Mass., in which he said, speaking of the tree planted by the first American settlers; "Its boughs hang over the Pacific; and in time—in good time—it will send its roots beneath the waves and revive under its vast canopy the islands of the sea." Why isn't this the good time, Senator?

HENRY WATTERSON calls "the hopeless state of prosperity" the surest Republican State this year. It is something to get a Democrat to admit that prosperity is a Republican state. Heretofore the Democratic claim has been that prosperity and good times came by chance and that the Republicans are simply lucky in getting in and about the same time.—Troy, N. Y. Record.

THE Manila correspondent of a Paris paper, Le Temps, wrote that if the Filipinos "did not expect help from the Democrats the killing of American citizens and the expense of the war would end at once." Every human being who wishes to see our soldiers defeated is opposed to McKinley. It is singular indeed what sympathy the Democratic party inspires among the enemies of our country.

A PETITION is being circulated for signatures by alleged Republicans urging Hon. Lewis Emery, Jr., to become an independent candidate for Congress. Hon. Joseph C. Sibley is the regularly nominated candidate of the party and should receive the earnest support of every loyal Republican. Therefore we do not believe the effort to induce Mr. Emery to pose as the leader of a band of party wreckers will meet with success.

NOTICE has been served on the Gold Democrats that, if they return to the fold, the Chicago platform will be changed to the extent of varying the order of the subjects treated, and if they insist on still further changes the having the matter in charge must shift the 16 to 1 plank round so as to read 32 to 2. But all backsliders who come in under this new confession of faith must do works meet for repentance before they can hope to have a place at the pie counter.

IT would be well for Editor Laymon, of the Port Allegany Reporter to post himself a little on Pennsylvania politics that he might avoid statements like the following: "Two years ago the Derrick and others of its ilk said of Mr. Sibley that he wasn't honest in his statements; that he was an unscrupulous politician." As a matter of fact the Oil City Derrick was an ardent supporter of Mr. Sibley two years ago and did more to encompass the defeat of Hon. C. W. Stone than any other journal in the 27th Congressional district.

DEMOCRATIC prophets are basing predictions of success on the fact that the Republicans by enacting sound money legislation, in obedience to solemn pledges, have made free silver legislation impossible; hence the gold Democrats can safely vote with the silverites, as the latter, while they talk silver for political effect, can ensure no legislation. The dark days of 1893 and the hard times of 1896 are not so far away, however. Both business men and labor know that threatened legislation is almost as destructive to prosperity as the actual passage of vicious laws.

Reduced Rates to North Manchester.

For meeting of German Baptist Brethren, at North Manchester, Ind., May 29 to June 8, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will place special excursion tickets on sale May 29 to June 3 from stations west of Baltimore (inclusive) and east of and including Sunbury, at rate of one first class limited fare for the round trip. Tickets will be good returning until July 1, inclusive.

Washington Letter.

In the near future, and it is known that a conference is to be held by them in New York City inside of ten days; but it is hardly likely that they expect to be able to keep Mr. Bryan out of the nomination. What they are really after is probably to frighten the Bryanites into agreeing to a modification of the Chicago platform, especially the 16 to 1 plank.

Speculation is rife as to the cause of the action of some Senators in opposing the speedy disposition of the resolution declaring Senator Clark, of Montana, not entitled to the seat he now holds, and all sorts of stories are being circulated, some of them not complimentary to some Senators. Mr. Clark and his friends would be very glad if the case should be allowed to go over to the next session, and it is said to be the hope that it may be which has prevented Mr. Clark tendering his resignation. He would be willing to do almost anything to keep from giving the governor of Montana a chance to fill the seat with a temporary appointment.

The time within which ratifications of the Nicaragua canal treaty may be exchanged has been extended seven months from Aug. 5th, next. This action was taken because of the certainty that the Senate would not act upon the treaty at this session. As a leader who does not lead, Senator Jones, of Arkansas, is a shining success. Less than a week after he had publicly declared that the Democrats would keep Congress in session all summer, before they would allow the propositions favorably endorsed by the Military Committee—to make the senior major general commanding the army hold the rank and draw the pay of lieut. general; to give the adjutant general of the army the rank of major general; to increase the artillery branch of the regular army and to add 100 cadets to the number now appointed to West Point—to go through the Senate, the bill was passed. Probably because he saw that his bluff had failed Senator Jones absented himself when he knew the army organization bill, which contained all of the above propositions, and more, looking toward the betterment of our army, was to come up, and the bill was passed without a division. The Democrats mustered eight votes against the lieutenant generalcy clause of the bill and thirteen against the West Point increase, which convinced them of the uselessness of further opposition.

The Senate Naval Committee has decided in favor of an amendment to the Naval Appropriation bill, authorizing the purchase of five submarine torpedo boats of the Holland type, and the sentiment in both Senate and House indicates that the amendment will go through.

Representative Brosius, chairman of the House Committee on Banking and Currency, made an interesting statement, based upon official figures furnished by the Treasury Department, on the working of the financial law enacted by the present Congress. It showed that the total amount of bonds refunded, under that law, up to May 1, was \$260,020,750, upon which the saving in interest was \$32,699,225, and the premiums paid \$25,034,871, leaving the net saving to the government by refunding \$6,664,454. The net saving represents the difference between the amount of interest the government will pay upon the bonds refunded to the date of their respective maturities, and the amount of interest the government would have been obliged to pay had the bonds not been refunded. The report shows that the total number of applications for charters for National banks, under the new law, which have been approved, is 241, with a capital of \$ 380,000 The tot l number of applications on file for authority to organize National Banks is 503, the total applications for the conversion of old banks into National Banks is 382, making a total of all kinds of new bank organizations of 890. Mr. Broslus estimates, based upon their expressed intentions, \$121,788,858 as the amount of currency the National Banks may issue in the near future.

Senator Allison very seldom makes a statement about the business of the Senate, but when he does it carries weight. When asked what he thought of the claim of Senator Morgan that the Senate would take up and pass the Nicaragua Canal bill, which was passed by the House last week, Mr. Allison said: "Senator Morgan is very much in earnest in this matter, but I fear he is letting his enthusiasm run away with his judgment. He is an able man and a fine Senator, but he is not running the U. S Senate at present. The Senate is now in control of the Republican party, and we do not propose to allow our fixed purposes to be either shunted off on a tangent, or arrested in development. We want to adjourn in six weeks or less time, and we cannot permit new legislation to be brought forward and thus probably prolong the session beyond the time we have determined upon bringing it to a close."

Free to Inventors.

The experience of C. A. Snow & Co in obtaining more than 20,000 patents for inventors has enabled them to help fully answer many questions relating to the protection of intellectual property. This they have done in a pamphlet treating briefly of United States and foreign patents, with cost of same, and how to procure them; trade marks, designs, caveats, infringements, decisions in leading patent cases, etc., etc.

This pamphlet will be sent free to anyone writing to C. A. Snow & Co. Washington, D. C.

An Epidemic of Whooping Cough.

Last winter during an epidemic of whooping cough my children contracted the disease, having severe coughing spells. We had used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy very successfully for croup and naturally turned to it at that time and found it relieved the cough and effected a complete cure.—JOHN E. CRUMLEY, proprietor Norwood House, Norwood, N. Y. This remedy is for sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

Dan Brasted is prepared to furnish his customers with all kinds of garden truck. Everything in this line fresh and green.

The Case of Gov. Taylor.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

In political history have

United States with its high Protective Tariff, he would make a fair case for attributing our advance to the Tariff, of course he can do nothing of the sort.

No, Mr. Porter can do nothing of the sort, for there is no other country, "with the same advantages of climate, situation, population, resources," &c. He can do something better, though. He can give an even more pertinent illustration of the comparative workings of Protection and Free Tariff for revenue only or of Free Trade. He can point us to this same country, the United States, and can show by well-marked facts that under the Protective policy the advance made during any given length of time has far outstripped any advance made at any time under a Free Trade or revenue Tariff policy. Of necessity there have been the same advantages of situation, climate, population, resources, institutions and the same unrestricted field of absolute internal Free Trade during the different periods; but there has invariably been a material difference in the amount of advance made. In fact, our history shows no "advance backward," if we may be allowed this expression, whenever a Tariff for revenue or Free Trade policy has been tried, while, on the other hand, every step forward in our industrial progress has been taken under a Protective Tariff. We won't need to look away from home or to refer to any but home experience in order to make out a "fair case" for attributing the advance of this country to the Protective Tariff. All the materials necessary for a comparison and contrast are "in our midst."

Banking by Mail.

An Exclusive and Effective System Which it Will Pay You to Investigate.

The Pittsburgh Bank for Savings, No. 210 Fourth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., offers the same security and opportunities to people living any where on the globe as to those in Pittsburgh. You can do post by mail as easy as in person at this bank, and your deposits will earn 4 per cent. interest, compounded twice a year. This bank has over 17,000 depositors and over 5,000,000 00 on deposit. Write for call for booklet describing banking by mail.

Reduced Rates to Washington.

For the Imperial Council, Order of the Mystic Shrine, at Washington D. C., May 22-24, the Pennsylvania Railroad will sell tickets to the general public from all stations on its lines, to Washington and return, at rate of one fare for the round trip. Tickets to be sold and good going May 19-21, returning to May 25, inclusive.

Off to the Wooded Hills.

Several weeks since the Philadelphia Sunday Times presented its readers with a magnificent lithograph in two colors by Le Roy. The demand for the issue exceeded the supply by many thousand copies. The Times has secured another painting—a companion piece to the first—by the same artist, entitled "A Blooming Chromatic," which is now being lithographed in twelve colors, and which will be given away free with the great sailing number of the Times, Sunday, May 13.

Sheet music is issued regularly with the Sunday Times. On May 13 "Leaping Over the Hills," by W. S. Mitton, reprinted on sheet music, with beautifully colored title page, will be given free in connection with the hands-me-lit-overlaph. Place your order early and you get

An exquisite picture.
Sheet music.
A magazine section.
A fun-ny section.
An amusement section.
A great newspaper.
All for 5 cents with the Sailing number of the Sunday Times.

It is robbed with chemicals to get Coal Oil. Paint. Rubs a cloth. Does not soil it if does soil, soap and water will relieve the stain. Removes stains and bruises on the human body. Cures chilblains, sunburn, mosquito bites, chafed skin, etc. Prevents dandruff. Cures headache, neuralgia, toothache, sore throat, etc. Cures colds by applying it. Does not blister. Price 25 and 50 cents. For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co., druggists.

For Sale.

I offer for sale my entire stock of general merchandising at Clermont, Pa., cheap for cash. This is a splendid chance for the right person. Stock to be taken at inventory. LAWRENCE DAVIS, 5-31 Clermont, Pa.

Nine tenths of the people who need attention if you should have Kidney Cure makes both sick. Sold by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

If you want a good roof—shingles, tin or slate—get Mason's prices.

Screen doors of all sizes at Mason's.

NOTICE.

THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS OF ADMINISTRATORS, Executors and Trustees of estates in settlement in the office of the Register of Wills, and to be presented to the Orphans' Court of McKean County, Pa., on the first Monday of June, A. D. 1900, viz:

First and partial account of J. H. Hackett, executor of the last will and testament of C. B. Wheeler, late of Otto, deceased.

Second final account of M. Lloyd, administrator of the estate of W. Lloyd, late of Bradford township, McKean county, Pa., deceased.

Final account of Wesley Lewis, administrator of the estate of Lewis Lewis, late of the Borough of Mt. Jewett, deceased.

First and final account of Jacob Rickard, administrator of the estate of Lewis Wilcox, late of Bradford township, McKean county, deceased.

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Spring 1900.

CARPETS

We call your attention to our line of carpets. Our Carpet Dept. is stocked with the latest patterns and designs in Axminsters, Tapestry, Ingraine, Hemp & Jute to be found, and prices are 20 per cent under the market.

We call special attention to our line of Jute Carpets. Also to our line of Smyrna Rugs, which surpass anything ever brought to our city.

A new line of the latest in Muslin Underwear just received.

New goods arriving daily.

A full line of Groceries and Provisions.

Mail orders given our careful attention.

F. G. Lindholm & Co.

How's Your Frame

of mind, concerning pictures? You should preserve your present liveliness for coming years, if nothing else. The latest and best effects always to be found at "Ike's" studio.

Have You Any Pictures

That need framing? You can find a full assortment of stylish mouldings, &c., of the latest design here. A nice frame beautifies and preserves a picture. Come and look them over.

"IKE" GLEASON, The Photographer, Smethport, Pa.

CONTRACTORS

WE WANT TO FIGURE WITH **YOU** ON

Builders Material & Hardware

YOU CAN DO AS WELL AS IN "THE CITY." "PAINTERS TOO." **HERE**

J. C. HAMLIN, SMETHPORT.

McKean County Miner

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

SMETHPORT, THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1900.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Never was rain more opportune than that of Tuesday night.

—That snow storm did not entirely squelch the forest fires after all.

—At this writing there are fifteen prisoners confined in the county jail.

—Mr. Jewett electors will vote on the sewer system question next Wednesday.

—License court will convene next Monday. There are eighty-one applications.

—Herman Tull is with the Oswego club of the New York state league this season.

—Your attention is called to the change in Bell Bros.' advertisement in another column.

—A number of horses have recently been sold in Tioga county for shipment to South Africa.

—The Standard Oil company has voluntarily advanced the wages of its employes ten per cent.

—The Smethport postoffice has on sale the little postage stamp books. They are very convenient.

—Fry & Herzog have something of interest to say concerning neckwear this week. Read their ad.

—The borough council failed of a quorum Monday night, consequently no business was transacted.

—The Reporter claims for Port Allegany a population of 2,500. We fear the returns have been padded.

—Wellsville, N. Y., has damage suits to the amount of $10,000 on its hands as the result of defective sidewalks.

—The Northwestern Pennsylvania Volunteer Firemen's convention will be held in Kane on August 15, 16 and 17.

—J. Colegrove uses his space this week telling you of seasonable goods now on sale at his store. Read the advertisement.

—F. S. Baker, formerly of this borough, will have charge of the erection of the buildings for the new glass plant at Kane.

—Mrs. Amos Rusie, wife of the noted baseball pitcher, was granted a divorce and $1,000 alimony at Indianapolis last week.

—B. L. Knapp has been appointed census enumerator for the borough of Smethport. His commission arrived Tuesday.

—Jay Knowles of Marshburg was held up at the point of a revolver and robbed of $90 near Degolia on Thursday night of last week.

—The lowest bid for the erection of the new school house was $26,500, or $4,000 in excess of the present available funds for the purpose.

—The boxing contest for the championship of the world between Jeffries and Corbett will take place at Coney Island to-morrow night.

—The MINER is in receipt of a program for the commencement exercises of Pennsylvania State college to be held at State College June 10-13.

—Arrangements have been completed and committees appointed for a proper observance of Memorial Day. The program will appear next week.

—A. Miller & Son, the well known Bradford lumber dealers, have a change of advertisement in this issue that should not be overlooked by those intending to build.

—Three tramps giving their names as Joe Murphy, Patrick Sullivan and Chas. Jones were brought over from Bradford Tuesday and lodged in jail. The hobos were charged with burglarizing a barber shop at Lewis Run and the stolen property was found in their possession.

—The Smethport Athletic club will give a ten cent dance on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, June 5 and 6. Good music will be furnished and supper served.

—Landlord James McGuire is having his hotel office fitted out with a number of the Backus safety check hooks. Nothing is too good for guests at the Grand Central.

—The twelve steel cages for the county jail have been placed in position. It is expected that the job of remodeling the jail will be entirely completed in about six weeks.

—Three months yet remain of the summer term at the Clarion State Normal school. Teachers whose terms are just closing will have an opportunity to do a full term's work.

—Andrews & Conkling, Olean, have a change of advertisement in this issue which is of special interest to contemplative purchasers of furniture and carpets. Be sure to read it.

—A. E. Stickles is on deck again this week and in a broad gauge advertisement, written in his own inimitable style, he quotes some startling prices. Don't fail to read what he has to say.

—The Port Allegany Reporter in its account of the Masonic banquet last week referred to ex-District Attorney Gorton of this borough as "the Chauncey M. Depew of McKean county."

—The morals of McKean county are improving. Sheriff Clarke complains that the business of the sheriff's office for the past two months has been insufficient to meet current expenses.

—An opportunity is offered the charitably inclined residents of Smethport to show their generosity by starting a subscription in aid of the homeless sufferers who lost their all in Tuesday's fire.

—The entertainment and dance at Bradford Thursday night for the benefit of Ed Sutherland, who was recently burned out at Riverside Park, together with subscriptions netted about $700.

—Are the patriotic citizens of Smethport going to sit supinely by and see surrounding towns celebrate the nation's birthday without making an effort in that direction themselves? Won't someone take the initiative?

—A dispatch was received yesterday announcing the death of Thomas A. Tracy, a former resident of Smethport, which occurred in Michigan on Tuesday. The deceased leaves a widow, Mrs. Jennie Tracy of this borough.

—A fall of snow this afternoon caused Baggage Master Collins to remark that something over 40 years ago in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., on the 10 h day of May, he and others measured 10 inches of snow on the ground.—Bradford Star, Friday.

—For the first time it is claimed the telephone is to be used to run trains on a railroad. The line to introduce this system is the Kushequa railroad and the Union Telephone will be used on that line between Bradford, Smethport and Kane, Pa.—Olean Ledger.

—Stephen Marsh of Newerf captured a 300-pound bear last Saturday night. His bearship had been committing dire depredations in that locality for some time and Mr. Marsh decided that he should be suppressed. A trap was set and bruin was caught as above stated.

—Judge I. S. Reynolds has been engaged this week in beautifying the fountains on the court house lawn by an application of paint. The appearance of the fountains indicates that besides being an impartial dispenser of justice the judge is an artistic wielder of the paint brush.

—A street fair and business carnival will be given at Olean during the week beginning Monday, June 11, by Olean Lodge No. 491, B. P. O. Elks. Many novel and striking attractions have already been engaged and this year's carnival bids fair to eclipse all previous efforts.

—Three bids, covering 33 separate items for city printing were submitted to the Bradford councils Monday night by B. S. Love & Co., D. W. Lerch and the Star company. The remarkable part of the matter is that the bids were identically the same, without a cent's variation.

—A small fire occurred in the house on Hill street occupied by N. H. Knapp Tuesday afternoon. The fire originated by a curtain being blown against a stove. Kind neighbors came to the rescue and extinguished the blaze without sending in an alarm. The damage was slight.

—List of letters remaining in the postoffice at Smethport for the week ending May 5: F. C. Brickell, Frank Chalmers 2, David Gorman, Miss Myrtle Hinman, C. L. Palmer, F. W. Swineford, Mr. Shennerzodd, Maynard G. Sanford, Miss Janet Sutcliffe. Foreign, Pasquale Cellerade.

—Constable Cullen of East Smethport on Saturday arrested one Delos Smith on a warrant charging him with robbery at Port Allegany. Smith was later taken to the latter place by Constable Shurtz and after a hearing was remanded to the county jail to await the action of the grand jury.

—How numerous millionaires are nowadays may be inferred from the fact that George Smith, a man of whom the public never heard, recently died, and his estate paid $5,000,000 to Great Britain, $3,000,000 to Uncle Sam and $2,000,000 to the state of New York as inheritance taxes. —Exchange.

—Comrade A. H. Peirce was indulging in paroxysms of delight Friday night over the advent of the snow storm which he had been predicting for several days. The comrade had best be careful how he afflicts the people with unseasonable snow storms lest they arise in their might and destroy him.

—Mrs. Susan A. Greatsinger died at her home in Bradford Saturday morning of apoplexy, aged 63 years. She was stricken Friday evening in the presence of friends who had gathered in honor of her birthday and died without having regained consciousness. Mrs Greatsinger leaves a husband and one son.

—Rev. Dr. Walker will preach on the following topics next Sunday: At 10:30 a. m., "Hand to the Plow; or Progress Which Assures Victory." At 8 p. m., "The Two Decalogues: Moses and the Free Thinker." A sermon helpful to skeptics. Young men are especially invited to hear the evening sermon.

—At St. Luke's church on next Sunday the services will be at 8 and 10:30 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. The lessons for the fifth Sunday after Easter will be on "The Paraclete and the World," at the morning service, and at the evening service on "Swift Healing and Slow Speech." Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Service and Sunday School at All Saints', East Smethport, at 2:30 p. m.

—A member of the board of trade last Saturday stated that a large independent glass factory could be located in Smethport if gas could be assured. There should be no difficulty in procuring the gas, as we are reliably informed that two gas companies are ready to lay their pipes into the borough the moment they are permitted to do so. It is up to the borough council to grant the required permission.

—Mr. Elisha K. Kane informed the writer last Saturday that he would furnish free sites for any manufacturing industries the board of trade might desire to locate on the Comes farm, just outside the western line of the borough. This is a fine location and Mr. Kane's generous offer will undoubtedly soon be accepted.

—The finishing touches are being put on the new Baptist church in the way of paint. Engstrom Bros. are doing the job. Our Baptist friends now have one of the most beautiful church edifices in this section of the country. Rev. T. D. Ware is deserving of much credit for his tireless energy in providing for his flock so pleasant a house of worship.

—There were 903 postoffices in 1800; to day we have 75,000—that is in America alone. It took a letter sixteen days to go from Philadelphia to Lexington, Kentucky; twenty-two days to Nashville, Tennessee. The cheapest letter postage was eight cents, and to send a letter more than a hundred miles cost a shilling. Three million letters and papers were then sent in a year; at the present time the postoffice handles about 30,000,000 pieces of mail in a single day.—May Ladies' Home Journal.

—That some move is contemplated by the P. & W. R. R. Co. is evident from the fact that within the past week there have been delivered at the "Y" over 40 carloads of standard gauge ties for distribution between Kane and Mt. Jewett. Local railroad men are of the opinion that this much of the road will be made standard gauge by fall, although they are at a loss to figure out just what the object is in making this portion of the road standard gauge and not the division between Kane and Butler. Time will tell.—Kane Republican.

—Owing to the desire of the Flint Glass Bottle company to get as large a stock of manufactured goods on hand as possible before the July shut down, Manager George Camp will not try the experiment of making glass bottles out of sand of native stone until after that time. Mr. Camp will then secure several carloads of native stone and crush it into sand. A finer grade of sand is required for making bottles than that which goes to make window glass, but people familiar with the glass business are confident that good bottles can be manufactured from "homegrown" sandstone. The experiment will be watched with interest. —Bradford Era.

—The W. N. Y. & P. sale to the Pennsylvania railroad has been made a certainty, says the Buffalo Commercial, by the transfer of 13,000 shares by Mr. Thouron, until recently a director and chairman of the board. Mr. Thouron was not satisfied with the terms accepted by the board and resigned. For a time it was thought he would block the sale but the transfer yesterday of 13,000 shares by Mr. Thouron and as many more by smaller holders is taken as a sign that there will be no hitch. Mr. Thouron was the largest individual stockholder. During the past two weeks over 200,000 have been changed from W. N. Y. & P. to Pennsylvania interests.

—Finley McDonald of Bradford was picked up alongside the B., R. & P. track near Mt. Jewett Thursday evening suffering from a bad slash on his neck. The Mt. Jewett Herald says: When questioned regarding his condition and the cause, he admitted having committed the deed himself, but later he appeared to rue the bargain and proceeded to unfold a tale of an assault committed by a short man with a light complexion, who had struck him with a rock and then cut him. After two or three repetitions this did not appear to suit him and he changed to a tall man with a dark complexion. The generally accepted theory is that McDonald, as the result of an extended spree, was laboring under a mild case of tremens and endeavored to end his troubles with his pocket knife which was found lying near him covered with blood.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Hon. T. A. Morrison visited Bradford Friday.

Oscar Ford of Kane was in town over Sunday.

Geo. W. Mitchell was in Bradford Saturday.

J. H. Tate of Clermont was in town yesterday.

Attorney J. R. Haughney of Eldred was in town Tuesday.

Attorney J. W. Bouton made a business visit to Pittsburg this week.

Attorney H. S. Rogers of Mt. Jewett was a guest of friends in town Sunday.

E. B. Granteer of Newerf was an agreeable caller at this office Wednesday.

Justice of the Peace Charles Phalen of Newerf called at the MINER office Monday.

H. L. Backus left last Friday for a ten days' visit with Lancaster, Ohio, friends.

A. A. McCollam came over from Kane and spent Sunday with his family in this borough.

Fred Miller of the firm of A. Miller & Son, Bradford, was a caller at this office Tuesday.

Editor B. G. Bartle of the Press and J. Lester Ward were over from Port Allegany Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cunningham departed Tuesday for a week's visit with Marienville friends.

Mrs. J. Clayton Backus left Tuesday for Eldred, having been called there by the illness of her mother.

J. B. Kinzer of Lancaster, Pa., representing the Keystone Gas company, was a caller at this office Saturday.

Miss Reva Ford went to Smethport Saturday where she will be the guest of friends for several days.—Kane Republican.

Charles H. Gleason of Smethport was greeting his many Ceres friends yesterday. He reports that his family like to live there very well.—Ceres Mail.

Elisha K. Kane of Kushequa made us a pleasant call last Saturday. Mr. Kane said that although his property was seriously threatened by the recent forest fires his loss was comparatively slight, owing to herculean efforts in fighting the element.

Port Allegany Press: Richard Hanley of Smethport was a guest of the Sartwell House on Monday. * * Sheriff W. H. Clarke was over from the county seat on Monday and we are exceedingly pleased to know that he had no particular business with the Press.

Port Allegany Reporter: Mrs. Kittredge of Smethport is the guest of Mrs. Frank Simar this week. * * Mrs. Carl Sasse and Mrs. Rudolph Sasse of Smethport spent Sunday with Mrs. E. H. Coleman. * * W. S. Palmer and lady of Smethport registered at the Sartwell House Wednesday.

The Big Store.

Hamlin & Redfield's hardware, children's implements, paints, etc.

Mason's hardware is headquarters for screen doors. All sizes, the best and the cheapest.

Newton In Ashes.

THE WHOLE TOWN WIPED OFF THE EARTH BY FIRE TUESDAY.

RAVAGES OF FOREST FIRE

The Forests in all Parts of the County Ablaze, Fanned By a Gale of Wind, Inestimable Loss of Property and Hundreds of Homeless People the Result. Rain Checked the Flames.

The burning forests of Newton, situated at the junction of the B., R. & P. and Kushequa Railroads, was swept by fire Tuesday afternoon.

For the past two weeks most fortunate have been kept busy keeping the fires at a safe distance from the oil houses which surround Newton. In spite of Tuesday's high winds the tireless fighters had the flames well in hand, when danger was reported from a small tract of woodland, which was considered entirely free from the burning element.

Shortly after noon a boy rode a horse into the town from the direction of Mt. Alton and reported the woods a short distance west of the hamlet to be ablaze. Realizing at once the awful danger that threatened, a number of the inhabitants, equipped with barrels of water and buckets, rushed toward the new peril. The great wave of fire swept them back and forcing the doom of the town, everyone prepared to save what they could and reach a place of safety. But the immense mass of roaring flames, backed by wind with a velocity of sixty miles an hour, left them scant time to save even their most valued possessions.

With a terrorizing roar the wind-swept flames rolled out of the forest. Houses after house was wrapped in a fiery embrace, the frenzied residents fleeing in every direction. A vacant lot of about 20 acres in area, but directly east of the town acted as the salvation of many people. By throwing themselves flat on the ground they were able to escape being overcome by the choking smoke.

The depot which is located a number of rods from the center of the town was soon filled with frightened refugees, but as the flames were advancing rapidly on that building, the Kushequa road pulled a special train and conveyed the unfortunates to places of safety. Many of them came to Smethport where they were made as comfortable as possible.

A few brave men and women saved the stock and valiantly fought the fire away from the little property that had been moved to the vacant lot. Time after time were their lives in danger, but by taking advantage of each slight shelter and having several barrels of water at hand, they managed to pass through the terrible ordeal alive.

With the exception of three small houses in the western end of the town every building in Newton is in ashes. The loss includes the several hundred gas the chemical works, store, postoffice, school house and about twenty dwelling houses, besides thousands of cords of chemical wood, live stock, etc. Several fruitless pipe were made to save money, jewelry or other valuable articles from their homes. Whole families are left with nothing in the world but the scant clothing which covers them.

Following is a partial list of those who lost their homes: S. W. Hubbard, D. C. Marsh, Mrs. A. McGregor, F. L. Johnson, Oliver Sheldon, J. L. Wertz, D. M. Cooper, John Cooper, M. P. Hughes, Tate Bacher and John Maney. W. W. Brewer lost seven houses, six out of the eight tips on his lease, household goods, livestock and other property. A number of foreigners were also burned out. Their names could not be learned.

A VISIT TO THE RUINS.

Newton presented a desolate appearance Tuesday night. The belated train was fast speeding up the flames which sprung to in the ruins of what had a few hours before been happy homes. At the depot (saved from destruction by a sudden change in the wind) a pathetic scene was presented. On every hand were assembled men, women and children, who had lost all their earthly possessions during the day. An especially pitiful sight was the family of F. L. Nelson, consisting of husband, wife and four small children, who were huddled together in a corner of the waiting room, scantily clothed and weeping bitterly. Mr. Nelson, in broken English, told the story of their miraculous escape from death. The family lived in the woods a short distance below Newton. When the fire swooped down on their home, not one of them had time to save a single article, but were compelled to run for their lives, and each one of the group bore cruel bruises and burns sustained in their race with death. Two kind-hearted gentlemen presented Mr. Nelson with $15, and the family left on the train for Kushequa.

W. W. Brewer was found keeping a lonely and lengthy vigil over the goods in the clearing. Mr. Brewer and family were among those who remained in the field until the fire had passed over. He is of the opinion that had more of the men remained on the scene that much valuable property could have been saved. Mr. Brewer was a heavy loser. He was unable to even roughly estimate his loss.

A load of household goods which had to be left in the road on account of the advancing flames through a break of the fire fiend were anticipated, except for the drenching they received in the evening.

The largest property in Newton will aggregate $60,000. It is said that the chemical works will be rebuilt. The loss of all property will fall on non-residents. Agents for Mellon Bros. of this place estimate their loss at $150,000.

The work of the fire fighters against the fierce element was heroic. Often, rushing into the flames to the rescue, singly with the first aid. Early one of the gallant firefighters ordered together all their apparatus during the switching.

DIVORCE IN MISS ALLEN'S CASE.

About 1:30 o'clock P. R. & P. work train standing on the main track was struck by passenger train No. 5 between Newton and Farnsworth. The accident occurred in a narrow cut surrounded by forest trees. The crew of the work train were lying in the caboose on the side of the engine and consequently escaped being struck. They did not dare leave it on account of the fire, while the fear of running into the passenger train kept them from going ahead. The passengers were just congregating after the crash, and many never expected to get out of the coaches. While a dozen men stood appalled at the frightful situation, Ben Park, who is a daughter of James Park of Kushequa came dashing through the smoke and flame in the direction of Newton. A kind Providence must have favored the plucky woman for although nearly overcome by smoke several times she reached the station in safety. The agent at Newton, Dave Davis, thinking the station building doomed had departed for Sin Quarter on the special train, consequently Mrs. Park had some trouble in flagging a train and men to whom she could tell of the terrible passengers. Finally she found Dickenson Morton of the Kushequa Roads, who on hearing her story, sped on ahead to the scene of the wreck and the 30 passengers and trainmen were hurried back to Newton. When it was discovered by the passengers that it was Mrs. Park who had received assistance the lady was warmly congratulated for her heroic act. Mrs. Park lost her hat and picked back during her fearful trip, and the passengers presented her with a liberal purse as a slight token of their gratitude.

Several passengers were slightly cut and bruised in the wreck, among them G. H. Bigelow, formerly of Smethport.

IN THE VICINITY OF SMETHPORT.

All day Tuesday clouds of smoke hung over Smethport and vicinity. The inevitable to the inhabitants sparks from the burning hill were blown into the town and nearly people "cleaning up" were hounded. McKean mill was jammed and everything spare, buckets, boxes were quickly overturned.

D. Kelly Hollowood on Prospect Hill had a fierce fire was raging. Several fine were lost or cut, among them one belonging to the Smethport Gas Co. Two barns, one belonging to Thos. McCabe and one to Mike Tobin, were burned. L. W. Dunn of this place had a horse and buggy in one of the barns. He managed to save the horse, but the buggy went up in smoke.

Many damage to logs, bark and chemical wood is reported.

OTHER FIRES.

Other by residents passed a day of terror Tuesday. The fires were very close and but for the rain in the evening the town would have been destroyed. The D., R. & K. stable and W. W. Seymour's residence, which are located a short distance from the town, were burned. Several people in the vicinity are missing but it is generally believed they are safe.

Corbett, a small town near Galeton, Potter county, was almost totally destroyed by fire Tuesday and it is feared that five people lost their lives. Enormous quantities of standing timber have been destroyed in Potter county.

At Raiton, near Dolbois the fire swept through the town like a whirlwind. Three children were burned to death.

Death of E. B. Dolley.

Enoch B. Dolley, one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of Port Allegany, died at his home in that borough at 11:15 a. m. Monday, in the 74th year of his age.

E. B. Dolley was born in Oxford county, Maine, in 1826, where he was reared and educated, remaining there until 1845, when he made a trip around the world on a whaling vessel. In 1847 he located at Port Allegany, where he engaged in the hotel business, having also a tannery and general store. In 1856, with F. H. Arnold, he purchased the lumber and merchantile interests of A. S. Arnold & Co., which partnership continued until the death of Mr. Arnold a few years ago. He took Mr. Arnold's sons into partnership, forming the water and gas company of Port Allegany and were at one time largely interested in oil operations. Mr. Dolley served four years as treasurer of McKean county, having been elected on the Democratic ticket in 1856. He was a life member of Masonic circles. Mr. Dolley married Louis M., daughter of Isaac Vinar of Massachusetts, who survives him.

The funeral was held from his late residence in Port Allegany yesterday.

Valuable Property For Sale.

Houses are for centrally located in Smethport; terms moderate. Also store in the Reilly block for rent after May 22 1-tf A. REILLY.

You Want One.

One of the Vice Magazine or Ray cameras. They are the best made in the world to-day. C. G. Gleason, the photographer sells them.

Wanted—Wall paper agents at once. Fine selling lines at lowest wholesale prices; immediate delivery. For particulars address Independent Wall Paper Co., Wholesale Paper Hangings, 640 Grand St., Pittsburg, Pa. 3t.

Dick & Engelhart have opened a storage store on Mechanic street. If you contemplate purchasing a vehicle of any kind see their stock and get prices before purchasing elsewhere. 1-tf.

There is need of a truck with the wall to call on Chas. Lemmler before purchasing elsewhere. He has a new line and the prices are right. He always keeps the best.

Before you take that trip buy one of the Ansco Magazine or Ray cameras. They are pleasant companions and only a few of the pictures you bring home with you will be "like" Gleason sells them.

L. K. Hogarth & Co. have started their lemonade and opened their ice cream parlor, with side entrance. Ice cream by the dish or in any quantity.

For smooth, close lapping, long wear follows the use of Bodine's Hoof and Toe, the great horse and mule shoeing remedy. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

Everything in lumber, hardware, paints, glass. Welcome to all from our building. HOLMES & GILLELAN'S.

Wood screens, the best and cheapest at Mason's hardware.

Hamma Paint is the best and saves you money. HOLMES & GILLELAN.

All writings of poultry netting at lowest prices at Mason's Hardware.

Brick, lime, cements, tar roofing, roof coating at HOLMES & GILLELAN'S.

Full line of Sherwin & Williams' mixed paints at Mason's.

Ask for Zipp's Bonine Belle at Brasefield's.

Get the best lumber for fences. He has a new one just in.

Mason's fishing tackle stock is complete.

"Confound Those Flies!"

Why don't you kill them?

Daisy Fly Killer

Attracts and kills FLIES by the million. Lasts all summer.

15 Cents

Will not soil or injure anything but FLIES.

For sale at drug store, grocery, or hardware stores, or 4 cents by mail.

SOMERS BROTHERS, Third Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Modern, scientific and up to date.

Painless extraction of teeth. Over 25 years' experience.

Satisfaction guaranteed.

DR. F. C. PIERCE, Smethport, Pa.

Correspondence.

[illegible] Last Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lee gave a party to a number of their friends in honor of the former's birthday. Those present had a very pleasant time and departed for their homes at a late hour, wishing Mr. Lee many more happy returns of the day. Mr. Lee received a number of presents, among which was a handsome rocking chair.

George Wright and Miss Ethel McCord of Smethport were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lee and Miss Rose Monroe Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Cook of Olean is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman.

F. L. Hyland of Mt. Vaughan visited friends in Eldred Saturday and Sunday.

Lately Edwards of Olean is visiting her daughters, Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Dye.

Mrs. Hugh Yardley and Miss Rose Monroe departed quietly on Saturday.

Messrs. Earl Frederick and Will Burger drove to Bradford Tuesday.

Floyd Fisher who has been [illegible] Bradford Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Bradford Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Yardley [illegible] Bradford Tuesday.

W. Larke of Bradford visited business in town Tuesday.

S. H. Fisher transacted business in Bradford Friday last.

G. A. French of Wetmore, N. Y., was in town Tuesday.

W. E. Wilmoth of Smethport was in town Saturday.

W. J. Dobbie of Smethport spent Sunday in town.

D. M. Cotton and family drove to Rixford Sunday.

H. W. Engel drove to Bradford Saturday.

A fleet Engel drove to Bradford Saturday.

EARABEE.

Mrs. D. M. Dunsmore of Kenwood, Pa., accompanied by Mrs. Cokean of Smethport was calling on old friends in town Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor of Little Point visited at the home of Mrs. Ada Wood sur on Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Prosper Miller of Mt. Alton were the guests of friends in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Frank Carpenter of Slack Hollow was a guest of Mrs. M. M. Carpenter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilmoth of Eldred were calling on relatives in town Monday.

B. G. Bartle, the genial editor of the Port Allegany Reporter, was in town Monday.

Ernest Kiser of Hutchinson was greeting friends in town Thursday.

Mrs. W. E. Wilcox is suffering from an attack of the grip.

Mrs. Maggie Mylott of Kane is visiting friends in town.

Saturday last.

C. W. Taylor of Little Point was in town Tuesday.

From the Philippines.

The following letter from a McKean county soldier boy now in the Philippines was handed in for publication:

Negrose, March 30, 1900.

Dear Mother: I know you will be glad to answer your card we have letter that I received. I had no opening the rest of health and everything is No 1 right. I am acting as head wagon master at present, don't know for how long. We are moving from Malalag to the mouth of the Sulloy river, a move of 20 miles. I will give you the names of the towns we pass through. The first is Malalag, then comes Digos, the next is San Fernando, a town of 5,000, the next is Bacolod, Negros. You ought to see the cheer boy we have to-day as well as we are having. They are about 2,000 feet long and 150 feet wide. The priests make an awful fuss about it, but that makes no difference, we go just the same.

I caught the only sure-enough pleasure that has been enjoyed in our company. We stood in the brush by the side of the road and was not seen as I shot from the wheel. I emptied the wagon out and hit on top of the load, before he could make a move to shoot. I got his gun and 25 pounds of ammunition. He was the first prisoner taken by any one man in the regiment.

We are looking for a rush with the Datoes at any time. They are scattered all over the country in bands of from 25 to 100. They murder and rob the Filipino people as fast as they do the whites, but they are awfully afraid of each other, they are so cowardly.

To night I will be on the church at Gang-soma, on the Sulloy Gulf. Bacolod is a very pretty place. Across the Guimaras Strait, and to-morrow night at Iloilo on the shores of the China Sea. The next night will be in Iloilo. I like the look of the soldiers in the Sulloy Bay.

The most beautiful scenery and all kinds of game as could be found here. I shot a deer, on October 12 he is long and I will send you the horns. I have seen all kinds of curiosities from the monkey to the gigantic and wild kinds of birds.

There will be little engagement with the United States troops during this war, as I know of that will end in June. I hope it will not for I would want to see the home folks. I like it over here and will be last I want to see all of the country I can.

There are the prettiest spanish girls in this town I ever saw, and they do not take to the Americans a bit, but they are as nice as can be with them.

Will close.

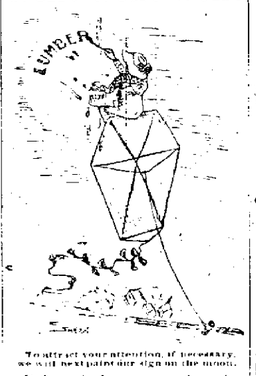
Co. F, 51st Iowa Vol. Co. A.

The Big Store.

Hamlin & Redfield's hardware, chains, implements, paints, etc.

Zipp's Bonine Belle is a popular drink. Call for it at Brasefield's.

Well! Well! Well!



To attract your attention, if necessary, we will next paint our sign on the moon.

Before placing your orders elsewhere get our prices on

Lumber, Shingles Sash, Doors and Glass.

We have a complete stock of all kinds of first class

BUILDING MATERIAL

and will save you some money.

A. Miller & Son

18 KENNEDY STREET, BRADFORD, PA.

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A mild pleasant Cigar, retails at 10c. straight. Ask for a YENOOR. Match Sample for 10c. Send 2c. stamp for free sample.

R. G. Wolf & Co., Manufacturers, Makers of Fine Cigars, Reading, Pa.

The Best Cigar for 5c.

Sold by C. G. Gleason, Olean.

Kane Drug Co., Kane.

Bell Brothers,

Olean, N. Y.

In a few words we want to call your attention to our dress goods and silk department, which from now on we hope to have you know is still better than ever before.

Under a new management, we have made a number of changes in many ways have improved these departments in our endeavor to make them the very best in Southwestern New York.

Our Buying Facilities

enable us to bring to Olean the choicest products of the loom. To do this we are always looking ahead.

While you are still thinking of spring gowns we are already placing orders, direct with the manufacturer for fall goods.

Buying now when we have the first selection rather than waiting and then having to take what some one else does not want

Whether you are expecting to buy a spring gown or not, we write you to come in and look.

Have you seen the card in the rear of the dress making department it is our motto: "We aim not only to serve the classes, but to serve the masses."

SILKS. This week we open a new line of taffeta silk. All new pastel shades which are so popular this season, there are two colors in all.

DRESS GOODS Shirt waists have come to stay, and with them the separate skirts. No lady feels that her wardrobe is complete without two to five odd skirts.

We are showing a large line of cheviots and sibilines in grays and modes, just the thing for separate skirts. We have other colors, but these are the most desirable.

BELL BROTHERS,

The Leading Dry Goods, Carpet & Furniture House of Southwestern New York.

FOR SPRING

Nearly everybody wants something new and pretty to wear at Spring time. We have just received a new stock of Beautiful Neckwear, Gloves, Shirts and Hats. We also call attention to our magnificent stock of

Spring Clothing

for Men, Boys and Children. We can safely say that there has never been, in this city, such a stock of Overcoats, Suits and Pantaloons as we show this season, and at such very low prices. No matter what your shape is we can fit you.

IKE SIMONS,

46 Main St. Bradford, Pa.

J. COLEGROVE.

106 East Main Street.

Look at our new Belt without buckle or eyelet holes in leather. A brand new article and great seller.

New Line of Pulley Belts.

New Summer Line of Shoes.

Summer underwear for ladies, misses, boys and men.

Men's fine silk & new silk yard wide 27c yd. in desirable shades. Summer outside skirts and under skirts.

Eagle tomatoes are a fancy pack and good as any tomato ever packed. We are selling for limited time at 10c can. Try them.

E. S. Flour still our leader and good as ever. Try a sack.

Malt Breakfast Food has the best sale now. Try a package.

Ask for coffee mixture filled with Chase & Sanborn Mocha and Java coffee free to each customer.

J. COLEGROVE.

FRY & HERZOG

CASH STORE.

DRY GOODS, CARPETS, GENTS' FURNISHINGS.

New Summer Neckwear

FOR

Ladies and Gentlemen

50c.

We place on sale this week a choice line of neckwear as found anywhere in the land. These handsome creations in silk come to us direct from the makers in New York, hence the popular price and correct fashions.

FISH TAILS	BATT WINGS
ENGLISH SQUARES	WALES
IMPERIALS	FRINGES & TASSELS

Next week we will have something special to say about corsets. Read it.

FRY & HERZOG,

New Clark Block, Smethport, Pa.

IF YOU WANT

CALL ON

Shillenn & Torrence,

The Leading Tailors,

Chadwick Block. Smethport.

BLIND.

What a horrible sensation you experienced when you looked upon that unfortunate man and realized his deplorable condition. Ever thought of yourself—thought that by your persistent carelessness you might some day have the same affliction? Unless by accident, blindness always comes one way—by NEGLECT. Eyes become weak; you strain them. They become weaker; you continue your carelessness; at last it is too late, your case is hopeless—no help—no cure. Come in today. We'll examine your eyes and tell you just what is needed FREE of charge. Then if you like will supply you.

Chas. H. Robie,

Leading Optician and Jeweler,

143 N. Union St. - Olean, N. Y.

Some Good Bargains You Might Need

THAT WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED FROM NEW YORK.

No. 1 hickory, single bit ax hose is the same that others sell at handles only 15c $1 50 ham 15 and 20c pair. Also ribbed moxx go at $1.05. Rugs from 50c vests at 5 and 10c. to $2 25 each.

Do you need overalls? We sell best ground spices 5c. lb. best corn starch. 8 lbs. oat flake 25c. 4 lbs. soda crackers 25c. Lion brilliantine cape with chantilla lace $1.75. Ladies' ribbed pants, white, french band, knee length, extra wide lace around bottom, regular 50c goods, but we run them at 25c. Remember our 10c

Large assortmen of men and the 75c kind at 50c. Also 25 and children's dress and work hats 5c 30c goods. Knit undershirts 25 to 75c. These are the greatest and 50c each. Fancy silk front bargains of the year and all up-to dress shirts 50c. All kinds of date goods. We have also re- dress ties.

Why pay fancy prices for cheap grade door and window screens when you can buy the best at the Racket Store for less price? Why pay 25 and 30c for Mrs. Potts sad iron handles? We sell 'em at 10c. Why pay fancy prices for shoes? We can save you 25 to 75c per pair. We have a ladies' $2 50 dress shoe that we sell at $1 90 per pair. Men's russet shoe at $1.40 pair. Men's rubber sole sneakers 45c.

Why be so foolish as to pay 8 and 10c for Arm & Hammer saleratus? We never asked over 7c for full package. We sell the Deland's saleratus at 4c package. We only ask you 25c for 1 pound corn starch. 8 lbs. oat flake 25c. Lion coffee 10c. one package to a customer. Granulated sugar 5½c lb.

When you buy at the Racket Store, you do not buy a pig in the bag. If can return anything not satisfactory.

Keep watch for our Great Pantaloon Sale. It will be for one week only. Keep watch for our announcement.

A. E. STICKLES,

J. COLEGROVE. SPRAGUE BLOCK, SMETHPORT, PA.

ON SECOND THOUGHT.

Time's a thief! I trusted him
When he came to me with smiles.
I had heard that he was grim,
Stern and full of artful wiles,
But he seemed so frank and kind,
And so honest hearted he,
That full soon I changed my mind.
Ah, what gay companions we!

Time's a thief! He stole away,
All before I was aware,
Gold of youth and left the gray
Of life's autumn in my hair;
Stole the roses from my face—
O youth's roses, fair to see!
Robbed my step of agile grace,
Laughing in his sleeve at me.

Time's a thief, I said. But stay—
After all, he was my friend.
Though he stole so much away,
Has he not made some amend?
He has helped me climb life's steeps;
He has given me home and kit
On its hearth a fire that keeps
All cold weather out of it.

Time, forgive me what I said.
What you robbed me of was dear.
What you gave me in its stead
Grows more precious every year.
Roses fade, as fade they must—
For life's withered flowers a sigh—
But, O Time, I will be just.
Greatly in your debt am I!

—Eben E. Rexford in New York Sun.

A Romance of Confetti.

"Confound the confetti! I've swallowed about half a pound. We shall find the things sticking in our clothes for months."

"Yes; they're small but insidious. You have no idea of the mischief one of these scraps of paper can do."

The speakers were two fresh colored, well looking Englishmen, wearing light overcoats and dress clothes and looking their after dinner coffee outside a cafe at Cannes.

It was 9:30 on an evening in the beginning of February. Two days earlier they had left their native London ankle deep in slush and dirty snow and veiled in sulphurous fog. Here in favored climes they sat beneath a sapphire sky, flecked with diamond stars, and watched the carnival maskers in their gay costumes of stuff or satin dancing upon the asphalt which surrounded the band kiosk and even pirouetting gayly out on the open road.

All around them were life and color, laughter and movement, the sound of many languages intermingled in gay chatter, the democratic jostling of Pierrots and Pierettes in satin with white masked market women, townsfolk in cheap and gaudy dominos and tweed clad tourists armed with guidebooks and kodaks.

To Norton, the younger of the two men, the scene had the charm of entire novelty. At the battle of confetti earlier in the day he had exhausted himself by two hours and a half of confetti throwing under a blazing sun, and now, after an excellent dinner, he was laughingly complaining of the confetti which passed by every now and then cast in the faces of the two friends over their coffee.

Fleming, the elder of the two and the one who had complained of the missiles making capabilities of the little paper missiles, was rich and independent and spent his time in perpetual travel. Carnivals were nothing new to him, and as a rule he avoided them, but this spring the fancy had taken him to revisit Cannes in the company of his relative, Norton, and now, as he sat watching the dancers under the palm trees in the starlight, the spirit moved him to be confidential.

He lit a cigarette and blew slowly up into the night air. A curious wistfulness passed into his gray eyes and softened the lines of his mouth under the closely trimmed golden brown mustache.

"It's odd," he began dreamily, "but ten years ago, almost in this identical spot, I had the happiness of my life ruined by one of these same mischievous confetti!"

His companion's round, blue eyes grew rounder still in amazement.

"By Jove! Are you serious?" he exclaimed.

"It was a night like this," went on the other, "only it seems to me that the stars were brighter, the music was jollier, the fun more spontaneous. Mind, I only say 'seems.' Probably the falling off is in me, not in the music and the stars and the fun. I am five and thirty now. I was five and twenty then. There was a girl on my arm—such a girl she seemed to me! A little pink round face like a peach, lips made for kisses and laughter and a figure as lithe and light as a willow branch. I know my similes are old, but I can't find words to tell you what she was like to me. You see, I was in love with her, and she was my wife."

"Your wife!" Norton repeated in astonishment. "Why, I never knew you had been married, though I remember I did hear there was some romance or other"—

"Oh, there wasn't much romance about it," Fleming said bitterly, lowering his voice as a laughing party of three maskers took possession of the seats at a neighboring table. "The whole thing only lasted six weeks."

"Your wife is dead, then? Old man, I am so sorry"—

"There is no need to be sorry, and she isn't dead. She simply divorced me on the ground of incompatibility of temper, or heaven knows what, according to the laws of the state to which she belongs."

"And where is she now?"

"Oh, she has consoled herself with a Germas baron. Three years ago, being dead tired of knocking about the world, I was actually fool enough to decide to go over to America and persuade Mamie—that was her name—to marry me all over again. You must know she was an heiress, the only child of a mother who spoiled and idolized her. I met her on a short visit to the States and fell in love with her, and married and brought her over to honeymoon in Europe. London was too cold, and we came to Cannes for the carnival. One night we left her mother at the hotel and came out to see the fun!"

A lady in a blue domino who formed one of the group of three at the neighboring table turned in her seat and fixed the gaze of two bright dark eyes, flashing through a black velvet mask, full on Jack Fleming's face.

"Then your wife's mother was with you?"

"That was the beginning of the mischief. She insisted upon following us to Europe in a week. As I told you, we left her at the hotel, and here, under the palms, I felt my shoulder touched and heard my name called out of the crowd: 'Jack! Jack Fleming! Don't you recognize me?' It was Ethel Hamborough, an old sweetheart of mine. We were engaged once, but she was such a flirt she drove me half mad, and I broke it off. She was in a mask and domino, but I knew her voice in a moment.

"I felt Mamie's grasp tighten on my arm and saw her face change. I don't know whether Ethel knew I was married. The whole thing had been very sudden, and I hope, for her sake, she didn't. But, just to plague me, she hung on to my arm and kept on whispering about old times, and finally, after I had broken away, declaring I did not know her, she slipped a scrap of paper into my pocket and ran away laughing. Mamie seized it and never spoke a word until we got to the hotel. Then in the presence of her mother she opened it. It was nothing in the world but a pink confetti disk, with the name 'Ethel' written across it, but it cut short my happiness most effectively.

"The two women worked themselves into a scene. My explanations were badly listened to. Mamie was an impulsive, jealous child of 18, and her mother had always been against the marriage. The end of it was that they left Cannes the next morning and returned to the States without me. I had put it to Mamie that she must choose between her mother and me, and she chose her mother.

"You know the rest. Three years ago, hearing that her mother was dead, I was starting in search of Mamie, when I read by chance in an American paper that the daughter of Commodore Grierson (that was the name of Mamie's father) had just married Baron Ludwig von Riegelthurm. Somehow I had always been fool enough to hope we might come together again, which shows, I suppose, that a man doesn't get wiser as he gets older."

"It must be awfully painful for you," Norton said sympathetically. "Were you very fond of her?"

"She is the only woman I ever really cared a straw about or ever shall care."

He rose as he spoke, and the two men strolled away. The little lady in the blue domino at the adjoining table stared intently after them. Then she whispered something to her companions, from one of whom she borrowed a pencil.

"Those people who were at the next table are following us," Norton presently observed to his companion.

"They're going to pelt us with confetti, no doubt," Fleming returned indifferently.

As he spoke he distinctly felt a hand thrust into the pocket of his overcoat. It was a very little hand, as he found when he seized it, and it was soft and feminine. Its owner wore a blue domino and wriggled her fingers clear from his, leaving in his pocket a twisted scrap of paper.

The blood rushed to Fleming's face. The situation of ten years ago was repeating itself. Crossing to a brightly lighted shop window, he unfolded the paper and disclosed a pink paper disk, across which was written in pencil the name "Mamie."

"By Jove, if it should have been my wife's hand that I caught in mine!"

That was his first thought, but the next moment he recalled the bitter fact that Mamie was his wife no longer, but the Baroness Riegelthurm.

Nevertheless he looked round for the blue domino and caught sight of her entering an open carriage with her two companions. Fleming chartered another and followed the party to the doors of the Grand hotel, the hall of which he entered a few seconds after them.

"Are the Baron and Baroness Riegelthurm staying here?" he inquired of an attendant.

"I think they expect you, sir. One of the ladies asked me whether you wanted to see the Baroness Riegelthurm or her stepsister, Mrs. John Fleming."

Half an hour later the little blue domino, without her mask and with tears in her pretty dark eyes, sat hand in hand with Jack Fleming in her sister's drawing room.

"You horrid, proud old thing!" she was saying. "Why didn't you come and claim me years ago? Of course, I always expected you to. And I've been so lonely and miserable sometimes! When I heard you tell all that to the man you were with tonight, it was all I could do not to jump for joy and kiss you."

"There is nothing to prevent you from kissing me now," Jack Fleming said.

And Mamie agreed with him.—Mainly About People.

THE BABY'S LITTLE JOKE.

It Worried the Fat Man, but He Tried to Enjoy It.

It happened in one of the late trains. Everybody was trying to get to sleep, and when the voice of a baby was suddenly lifted up in a robust wail it was not met with expressions of joy. It cried steadily from Spring Garden street to Columbia avenue. Then it accidentally dropped a pasteboard box it had. A very stout and, like his kind, very affable man across the aisle stooped heavily and picked it up.

The child stopped crying as it took it and promptly dropped it again. The man, thinking it an accident, picked it up once more. This time the baby actually smiled, and as he threw it down audibly cooed with delight. The man looked distinctly uncomfortable and became interested in something outside the window. The child looked at the box a moment, then at the man, and, seeing nothing else, resumed his wail, with much added wind. The look of despair resettled on the face of the woman with the headache, and she gave a convulsive shudder as she felt her head beginning to jump.

She gave one awful glance at the baby and then leaned over to the stout man, back of whom she was sitting. "My dear sir," said she, "I have a violent headache, and I am in misery. Won't you please pick up that box again?" And with a highly artificial smile he complied. Out of pure courtesy he became a box lifting automaton, his piles of adipose making each stoop come harder. But when he wiped the perspiration from his brow and staggered out of the car at Germantown he got a grateful smile from the afflicted woman, as well as every other passenger, that he felt paid him.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Snow Fleas.

One of the strangest of all specks on snow is the snow flea—no minute flea, but an actual living and very lively midget, whose swarms sometimes cover the snow in patches as black as ink or convert large spaces of its surface to a dark gray color. They are creatures of the thaw. I have seen patches, says William Hamilton Gibson, two feet in diameter moving like a dark shadow across the meadow, and I remember once when a boy walking on the snow crust over a field of several acres that was everywhere peppered with their millions.

The books tell us that the insects live in moss and lichens and the nicks and bark of trees, from which they emerge for exercise in mild weather. This theory is probably warranted by the facts, but it will be no easy task to so convince many a rustic philosopher whom I know and to whom these specks are as much a celestial shower as the snow itself.—Boston Transcript.

Limits to His Gratitude.

"I feel that I ought to make some acknowledgment to the people who were so kind to us during my late wife's last sickness," said Mr. Phrongle, "and I would like to have you insert this card of thanks in a prominent place in this week's paper."

"We are obliged to make a charge for these notices," replied the editor of The Weekly Blizzard, looking over the manuscript, "and this will cost you $1."

"Then you needn't publish it," rejoined Mr. Phrongle. "I am not quite as grateful as all that comes to."—Chicago Tribune.

Her Reason.

"Why did Mrs. Frizzington, the rich widow who furnished all the money for the business she and you have started, want the name of the firm to be 'Bootle & Frizzington' instead of 'Frizzington & Bootle,' as it ought to be, seeing that she is much more heavily interested than you?"

"She didn't want to be referred to as 'the senior partner.'"—Chicago Times-Herald.

Fishermen in Holland kill all fish as soon as they are landed, while French fishermen, on the contrary, allow them to die of asphyxiation.

To Heal a Hurt.

Use Banner Salve, the great healer. It's guaranteed for cuts, wounds, sores, piles and all skin diseases. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

MADDENED ELEPHANTS.

The Great Brutes Often Driven Wild by Fearful Tusk Aches.

"Zanzibar," said Robert Crawford, "is the greatest market for South African ivory, which is brought there in large quantities from the interior. This ivory is stored in large warehouses from which it is either sold at once or else held therein for a better market. The man in charge of these warehouses was a very interesting character, an expert in ivory. He told me many curious things about it and among others propounded the following theory as an explanation of why elephants go mad and occasionally run amuck.

"In the warehouse were a pair of magnificent tusks, measuring fully 11 feet from tip to tip, which in life must have been carried by a veritable Goliath among elephants. The expert in showing me these tusks pointed out the fact that while one was complete and flawless the other was broken off at the point and showed deep scratches and abrasions running back at length.

"'Now,' said he, 'if you will look near the base you will find a hole made by decay that had struck into the nerves and given that elephant a toothache. And think what a toothache of two inches a 11 foot tooth must have had. In his effort to relieve this pain the elephant rubbed his tusk against rocks and trees and drove it into the earth, which meditated it in the manner you see here. I have frequently come across places where an elephant has ripped up great spaces in the forest and torn down the trees, and I am positive that toothache was the cause of this frenzy.

"'An elephant in a circus going suddenly mad and killing his keeper is not an uncommon thing, but I'll wager that in nine cases out of ten if they would properly investigate the matter they would find that the brute's sudden frenzy sprung from so ordinary a cause as common, everyday toothache.'"—Exchange.

A TRIUMPH OF SURGERY.

The Case of a Man Who Swallowed His Suspenders.

A case reported to the Boston Medical and Surgical Journal by Dr. M. H. Richardson is a remarkable example of the extraordinary feats in swallowing foreign bodies sometimes performed by the insane.

A negro, aged 29 years, was admitted to the hospital. He said that two weeks previously, while he was in a despondent state, he had endeavored to swallow his suspenders and had succeeded in getting down certain portions, but how much he had swallowed he could not tell. He did not complain of pain, but rather of discomfort under the breast while eating. The food at times passed easily into the stomach. At other times it was regurgitated immediately. Nothing could be seen in the throat. With a probe some obstruction was felt.

A skiagram showed a suspender buckle at the middle of the chest and possibly another higher up. As the chief danger in esophageal impaction is from ulceration into the great vessels, especially when the foreign body has sharp edges, and as fatal erosion usually takes place in two weeks or less, it was concluded that if there was any erosion it was sufficiently advanced to make even the most careful manipulation dangerous. The problem was how to perform extraction without producing fatal hemorrhage.

The throat was opened, and with a pair of forceps, a string attached to a brass ring and then half a suspender with two buckles and finally a third buckle were removed. A probang was passed into the stomach without meeting with further obstruction.

The wound was closed with silk sutures, and recovery ensued.

Not an Indian.

Mrs. H. S. Boal, a daughter of William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill), lives at a place in Wyoming which bears the strange name of B. X. Ranch. Shack. Among the curious questions put to her by visitors are these:

"I suppose you have a large collection of Indian scalps?"

"Have you ever been scalped yourself?"

"Do you keep buffaloes as domestic pets?"

Once, on the ranch, while she was entertaining a foreign stranger, her father rode by, and she said:

"There goes Colonel Cody now."

The man looked at the horseman long and anxiously.

"Are you sure about it?"

"Certainly. I know him very well indeed."

"Well, I declare! I was never so surprised in my life. Why, that man is a gentleman and not an Indian at all."

Don't Borrow.

Only the other day a Boston firm of sharks charged a man $7 for making out the mortgage on a loan of $10 and then charged him interest. A Lowell shark recently loaned a man $20 and charged him $3 for making out the mortgage, and every month he causes the man to sign a new mortgage and charges him $3 each time, besides the regular rate of interest, thus bringing the interest up to 5,000 per cent per annum. The several mortgages are not recorded since the first one, and every $3 the borrower pays goes into the lender's pocket.—Boston Traveler.

Matter of Doubt.

Dix—I want to congratulate you.

Mix—On what?

Dix—I understand you are the father of a fine boy.

Mix—Oh, that was about three months ago.

Dix—But it is a matter of congratulation just the same, isn't it?

Mix—I don't know about that. I only got about 15 minutes' sleep last night.—Detroit Free Press.

His Toast.

Brown was very much in love with pretty Miss Simpson and had told her so repeatedly, but in vain. She did not reciprocate. Brown's friends knew of the affair, and whenever Brown gave a toast Miss Simpson was made the subject of it. One night, when Brown and his companions were enjoying a little supper among themselves, one of the men said:

"Come, Brown, your usual toast."

"No," came the reply. "Since I can't make her Brown I'll toast her no longer."—London Answers.

Notice.

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50 cent bottle of Dr. Bull's Elixir if it does not cure any cough, cold, croup, whooping cough or throat trouble. We also guarantee Dr. Bull's Elixir to cure consumption when used according to directions or money back. A full dose is going to heal and stimulate during the day and will cure the most severe cold, and stop the most distressing cough.

L. K. HOGARTH & CO.
H. C. WELLS

The ancients believed that chalcedony was the work of a demon within a man. Any one who has had an attack of scrofula or inflammatory rheumatism will agree that the infection is demoniac enough to warrant the belief. It has never been claimed that Chamberlain's Pain Balm would cast out demons, but it will cure them of pain, and this quick relief which it affords is alone worth many times its cost. For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

Unable to Work.

Chas. Replogle, of Atwater, O., was unable to work on account of kidney trouble. After using Foley's Kidney Cure four days he was entirely well. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

License Applications.

Petitions and applications for license for [illegible] were presented to the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, in and for Mercer county, Pennsylvania, on the first Monday, being the 5th day of February, A. D. 1900.

HOTEL LICENSE.

Brookfield—Fred Wood.

Sharon—H. Bowles, Washington House, No. 1; Wilbert Hotel, No. 2.

Hempfield—Thomas Donnelly, [illegible] Hotel, formerly Hotel, No. 27; Michael [illegible], Hotel, No. 28.

Greenville—George A. Conner, United States Hotel, No. 1; Joseph Mayhugh, [illegible] Hotel, No. 2; John H. Douglass, [illegible] Hotel, No. 3; Wilford Hotel, No. 4; Main [illegible] Hotel, No. 5.

Sharpsville—J. C. Ross, St. James Hotel, Main [illegible] the head of Main street, [illegible].

Sharpsville—Bridget M. Cassidy, [illegible] Hotel, No. 1; [illegible] on Main street, [illegible].

Sharpsville—L. G. Gulvin, North Ridge Hotel, No. 2; [illegible] 20 Main street, [illegible].

Sharpsville—Peter Hoch, Exchange Hotel, No. 1; [illegible] Main street, [illegible].

Sharpsville—Daniel Hoch, Eagle Hotel, No. 2; [illegible] Main street, [illegible].

Sharpsville—Mary Ann Hoch, Hoch Hotel, No. 3; [illegible] Main street, [illegible].

Sharpsville—Mary Ann Hoch, Hoch Hotel, No. 4; [illegible] Main street, [illegible].

Sharpsville—C. M. McCoy, Bridge Hotel, No. 5; [illegible] Main street, [illegible].

Sharpsville—P. McNamara, Canal Basin Hotel, No. 6; [illegible] Main street, [illegible].

Sharpsville—P. Mackinson, Main Street Hotel, No. 7; [illegible] Main street, [illegible].

Sharpsville—J. [illegible] Wagner, Main Street Hotel, No. 8; [illegible] Main street, [illegible].

EATING HOUSE OR VICTUALLING HOUSE.

Brookfield—Thomas Wood.

Fredonia—Mrs. Wood.

Hempfield—Patrick Boyle, Farm House, No. 1; [illegible] Main street, [illegible].

Jackson—Mrs. Wood.

Jefferson—Mrs. Wood.

Mercer—Mrs. Wood.

Pine—Mrs. Wood.

Sandy Lake—Mrs. Wood.

Shenango—Mrs. Wood.

Sharon—Mrs. Wood.

Sharpsville—Mrs. Wood.

Springfield—Mrs. Wood.

Wilmington—Mrs. Wood.

Wolf Creek—Mrs. Wood.

Greenville